

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

PROGRAM SUPPORT UPDATE: PNG

HMPE worldwide PAPUA NEW GUINEA

During the most recent HOPE reps meeting, Priscilla Mal of HOPE worldwide PNG reported updates on the current programs in the country. Some of the notable highlights are as follows:

HEALTH PROGRAMS

- First and foremost, staff members in the 9-mile Clinic and the Lawes Road Clinic who have contracted COVID-19 are now all well after making a full recovery;
- Another exciting news is that a new Gene-Xpert Machine is being installed by the Central Public Health Laboratory (CPHL) team in the 9-mile Clinic. This machine is a diagnostic equipment for testing tuberculosis;



• Both clinics have also received PPE donations from HOPE *worldwide* Australia, as well as hygiene packs for mothers and babies, from the Gold Coast Church of Christ;



 Meanwhile, volunteers and friends from the Port Moresby Church of Christ also came out to do cleaning and landscaping at the Lawes Road Clinic;





• In the rural communities, humanitarian work continues to thrive. A Bokolma Aidpost clinician in the remote province of Simbu treated a severely anaemic patient, who recovered, well enough to go home on the same day.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Funded by HOPE *worldwide* Australia, the Educational Program in PNG has two main components: The Early Childhood Program; and the Library Books Donation.

So far, about 4,000 books and teaching materials have been distributed across three remote early childhood schools in PNG: The Mercy Care Early Childhood, the Kalewere Primary School, and the Yomba Day Care Centre.



Previously without libaries, these schools have now incorporated library classes into their curriculum. Much to the delight of the children.

PROGRAM SUPPORT UPDATE: FIJI



Similarly in Fiji, children attending the Navatalesu Brigid Kindergarten in Yaro Village, Mamanuca are getting support from HOPE worldwide, as mentioned by HOPE worldwide Fiji reps Eroni and Siteri Puamau in their report.

When the pandemic hit, most of the resorts in the island of Mamanuca closed, affecting the economy of the community and therefore the funding of the schools.

HOPE has provided a donation of F\$850 as well as school supplies that included glue sticks, blank paper, water-paint, paint-brushes, colour pencils, chalk boards, chalk packs, LEGOs, plasticine, and puzzle mats.

The Church in New Zealand also distributed toys, school bags, books, and clothing to 59 children within the church families in Nadi, Lautoka, and Suva. Some of the parents are still out of work as a direct result of the pandemic.





SO MANY HAPPY FACES & BIG FIJIAN SMILES FROM SOME OF THE 59 KIDS & THEIR FAMILIES THAT RECEIVED THE "MIGHTY APE TOYS & GIFTS". ALL OF THESE KIDS & THEIR FAMILIES WERE IMPACTED BY COVID WITH PARENTS LOSING THEIR JOBS SO TO RECEIVE THESE TOYS & GIFTS LIFTED THEIR SPIRITS & BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY. VINAKA VAKALEVU "MIGHT APE" & OUR NZ CHURCH FAMILY. MUCH LOVE FROM OUR FIJI KIDS & FAMILIES



PROGRAM PLANS FOR 2022

- Ongoing Support for PNG and Fiji
- SPA Region Volunteer Trips to PNG, Fiji, and New Caledonia

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- International Programs (HVC in PNG)
- HOPE Rep Local Programs

ANNOUNCING THE ... ALASKA **JUNE 12 - JUNE 26 HVC PHILADELPHIA JULY 11 - JULY 23** HYC BOLIVIA HVC **JUNE 15 - JUNE 27 HVC DAYTONA JULY 26 - AUG 4** TUCSON JUNE 26 - JULY 8 **HVC HAWAII SEPT 15 - SEPT 22** HSC **HVC SOUTH AFRICA KENYA JUNE 26 - JULY 10** OCT 22 - OCT 30 HSC ECUADOR **JULY 1 - JULY 14** HVC NEW ORLEANS NOV 19 - NOV 27 HSC **DEC 17 TO DEC 31 HVC PHILIPPINES** NEPAL **JULY 2 - JULY 10** HVC MEXICO **JULY 2 - JULY 15** HVC NEPAL DEC 21 - JAN 4 HVC ZAMBIA **JULY 6 - JULY 20** HVC LEBANON DEC 22 - JAN 2 HVC DALLAS JULY 11 - JULY 23 HYC PAPUA NEW **DEC 17 - DEC 30** HVC **GUINEA** *DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE* **REGISTRATION OPENS DEC 1ST**

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